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CHARLESTON, IL--Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) has rewritten Eastern Illinois University's passing and total offense record book leading the Panthers to one of their greatest seasons ever.

The 6-3, 210 senior quarterback directed the No. 5 ranked Panthers to the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals with an 11-1-1 record. After winning a 16-13 first round game over Jackson State, the Panthers season came to a close with a 20-19 loss at Tennessee State last Saturday (Dec. 4).

Christensen set 13 EIU records altogether and eight Mid-Continent Conference marks earning MCC offensive 'Player of the Year' honors recently. His most prominent EIU records this fall were for single game passing yardage (409), career passing yardage (6282), single game touchdown passes (6) and career touchdown passes (51). One of his conference marks was for most consecutive passes without interception, 83.

"Jeff did a great job for us," said offensive coordinator Chuck Dickerson. "He started slow but really came on the latter eight or nine games and took control of the offense.

"He forced very few passes, read defenses better than ever and understood what our game plan concepts were each week."

He ranked 11th in NCAA I-AA passing efficiency with a 127.9 rating throwing for 2270 yards and 21 TDs. Only three QBs had more season touchdown passes.

This is the third time in the past five years the Panthers have competed in a post-season tournament. During this stretch EIU, under the direction of Head Coach Darrell Mudra, has a 47-15-1 record, best among Illinois' seven universities that are Division I or I-AA.